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MERCANTILE AND MONEY ARTICLES
— WEDNESDAY EVENING —

THE Customs revenue received to-day was:—			
Brandy	...	...	£335 7
Gin	...	...	307 11
Whisky	...	...	78 0
Rum	...	...	332 0
All other spirits	...	...	50 7 1
Wine	...	...	132 12
Ale, porter, and beer (in bottle)	...	...	9 10

Tobacco and snuff .....	...	...	38 10
unmanufactured .....	...	...	37 14
Cigars .....	...	...	13 7
Tea .....	...	...	113 7
Coffee and chicory .....	...	...	10 17
Sugar, unrefined .....	...	...	250 0
Dried fruits .....	...	...	65 3
Hops .....	...	...	14 8
Rice .....	...	...	7 15
Opium .....	...	...	60 0
Peatmoss .....	...	...	12 15
Dyes .....	...	...	1 3

Ad valorem	...	...	...	598 16
Total	...	...	...	8400 14

Trade transactions to-day were on about same scale as those of the two preceding chiefly parcels for immediate consumption. Small sales of flour and wheat were made yesterday's quotations; rice is lower; sa-

undressed Saigon were made by Messrs. S and Co. at £9 17s. 6d. in bond. We also he the sale of a fine of dressed Siam on private t. These have been in good request. The li choice souchong, withdrawn from salado Messrs. Bradley, Newton, and Lamb, y day, was disposed of privately at 4s. p day, bulk of the week's trading of the Y

At the special meeting of the Hunter Steam Company, held at Morpeth yesterday, it was decided to authorise the directors to report.

sum of £25,000 on debentures. This amount is to be expended in the purchase or construction of a steamer suitable for the Hunter trade.

years 1867 and 1868 exhibits a considerable increase during the current year. During month ending 30th ultimo, there was received from the Western districts, 10,824 7 dwts. 3 grs.; from the South 6328 oz. 19 dwts. 6 grs.; and from the Northern, 1494 oz. 7 dwts. 17 grs.; making a total of 18,647 oz. 15 dwts. 9 grs.

The following table exhibits the mo-

1867.	Western.	Southern.	Northern.
January	8,325	2,670	8,824
February	8,810	1,648	7,167
March	8,941	5,696	2,137
April	9,311	3,474	1,325
May	24,530	5,469	1,560
June	14,530	4,186	1,710
July	10,417	5,929	1,514

August	...	12,998	9,464	1,568
September	...	2,412	3,354	1,434
		90,622	42,112	14,591
1868.				
January	...	12,618	7,167	2,185
February	...	11,185	6,217	651
March	...	12,123	6,431	1,011
April	...	11,514	4,498	604
May	...	6,180	5,876	387
June	...	10,491	5,836	1,048

July	...	8,238	7,540	1,181
August	...	15,113	7,674	1,076
September	...	10,824	8,228	1,494
		<u>28,216</u>	<u>58,999</u>	<u>10,551</u>

The Mint receipts last month for the purchase of coinage amounted to 41,235 oz. gold, and a coin issued to 109,000 sovereigns.

Messrs. Burt and Co. report having sold

The Alexandria brings Melbourne paper the 6th instant. We quote the following Monday's *Argus* :—

In the import markets business has not eroded much. Trade sales of flour are reported at \$14 10c., the price ruling has imparted confidence, and drawn out the buyers, who have shown some disposition to operate a trifling speculation, endeavoring having been made to purchase a few hundred barrels of flour for Louisiana, Louisiana, is taking in 600 tons of flour for Louisiana, Louisiana, the almost business exists. Oats are quite neglected, maize is barely saleable at \$9 9c. Corns are very dear of a shipment of 500 barrels Portland having been a strike, on private terms, for transshipment. Advice re-

We cannot give any certain quotations at present, as very business is being done. We hear of a small parcel of flour in hand to-day at £15, but it is not probable that this figure

beats—*Vespa* long, but rather smaller & further west, as
very little offerings. Other articles have quotations such as
Ore, 3d to 3d 6d for first-class samples. Potatoes are
plentiful, and there is no sale for them: £2 10s to £3, ex-
mure, is the present quotation. Hay remains at \$3 5s. The
cattle, £22 to £24; hogs, 3d to 3d. In dairy products,
quote—Foster's butter, whole milk, 6d per lb.; fresh butter,
10d per lb.; cream, 8d per lb.; eggs, 10d per doz.
to 6d per dozen; ducks, 5s to 5d per pair; chickens, 3s
to 3d per lb.; English ditto, 5d to 1s 5d; eggs, 10d per
doz.

Cape Adolphus. Eggs are at the head price

The Register of that date reports:—

There is still but very little business doing in wheat and no prices are somewhat lower than they were last week. To effect very low rates have been submitted to, but many holders are content that the market will improve, and are not inclined to present quotations. Wheat—Some small lots have been sold at 100¢ per bushel, but no buyers are in the market; so that, for larger parcels higher prices are asked.

The only business transacted has been the purchase of 200 or 300 tons town and country brands, at \$12 per ton.

We take the following from the *Econom* August 18:—

BANK OF ENGLAND NOTES.—A Parliamentary paper that it appears from the BANK WEEKLY RETURN that in the year ending June, 1858, the amount of Bank of England notes in circulation was £21,400,000; in the middle of December £25,354,000 in the middle of October; and the balance held from £19,924,000 in May to £23,497,000 in October. The total week ending the 25th of June, the latest given.

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AGRA AND MATTHEWS BANKS, LIMITED.—The leading creditor expressed their opinion that the debts, with interest, have not a shadow of doubt as to their being payable.

THE NEW KNEW COMPANY.—“An Australian Extract of M. Cattle, Limited.”—Capital £100,000, in 40,000 shares of 2½s. Of this number, 10,000 shares are reserved for Australia. 15,000 shares are to be paid up and rendered “to bearer” and 15,000 shares are to have 20s. paid, the rest to be called up. The first call is 10s. per share.

Messrs. Morgan, Brothers' tobacco crop of August 3rd states:—

the cutting are not of a character to induce them to part freely even if the price were more tempting, whereas it is not so with them. Until, therefore, fresh supplies are received, it is better to keep a brisk business in the case of goods. The small holders of the mountain and common forests, who are engaged in exportation, and business to a great extent, are not so much little holders shown the motive a little more advanced in a little less right in their notions of value with regard to their stock, which have so long hung by them, and from which they seem to have to separate, the transactions would be

The latest accounts of the market is very dull, specifically, a good deal of tobacco has been returned from the gentlemen districts, and upon whose information the utmost reliance may be placed, we may be prepared to find a good sprinkling of the latter, it would not be prudent to calculate upon it.

is personation of the dreamy and romantic hero. Meyerbeer's charming pastoral as that of Mallet's has been witnessed since "Dinorah" was first produced in London, under Meyerbeer's own interference, in 1859. In 1863, Mallet *Pastorale* had four new parts to her already extensive repertoire. The new ones were "Il Trovatore", "Ninetta", "La Traviata", "Adina" ("L'Esilio d'Amore"), and "La Figlia del Reggimento". The first and last of these she has apparently abandoned, although both created a marked impression.

Adina, the queen of village coquettes, has been one of her most popular as it is one of her original and highly finished impersonations. Amateur can look back without regret to the evenings on which Donizetti's most genial operas were heard with Patti, Mario, and Ronconi, or comparable, in three of the leading parts, and wanting but a Tamburini as the recruiting sergeant to make the performance perfect. In 1864, a

Patti was again the favourite and most conspicuous attraction, notwithstanding a new and formidable competitor in Mdle. Pauline Lucca, who on the first probation served the manager as she more than once served him since, and to whose untimely disappearance the public was indebted for the success of Patti's Margaret — a Margaret so put all the other Margarets out of court. This was the only character attempted by Mdle. Patti in

She performed it no less than eight times, six with the flaxen head-dress to represent the titular *chevelure* of Goethe's poetical creation, twice, still more winningly, with the head dress which she is beholden to nature. In 1866, Patti essayed, for the first time in England, that of Linda in Donizetti's "*Linda di Chamouni*," the previous winter all Paris had been in ecstasies with this latest assumption of their favourite's

sa, three years before, Paris had unanimously endorsed the opinion of London about the merits of Patti, it was agreeable now to find London endorsing the opinion of Paris. Madlle. Patti had other fresh character in 1865. In the opera as Caterina in "L'Etoile du Nord," she presented us with a musical Caterina equal to that of Madame Bosio (the original in London) and a dramatic Caterina superior to that of M.

Bosio; while her Annetta, the cobbler's wife, somewhat trivial "Crispino e la Comare" of brothers Ricci, added yet another to her list of comic impersonations; one, too, which must be vividly remembered, if only for the dance end of Act II, executed with such engaging and quietude to the accompaniment of a superb brilliant vocal passages, a *tour de force* would have gone far to keep even a feeble

duction than this same opera on its legs. About Juliet in the Italian version of M. Gounod's "*La Gioiellista*," the one character added to Patti's list in 1867, enough has been recorded to absolve us from the necessity of doing more than repeat that it exhibits her genius and talent at their ripe maturity, and is one of the most remarkable exhibitions of the modern lyric drama. A more embodiment, indeed, of one of our great dramatic

In the season just expired not a single new character has been assigned to Mille. Patti, although we promised Elvira ("I Puritani"), Gilda ("Rigoletto") and the unknown Giovanna d'Arco; but, here there is always something fresh and new in the delineations of parts however familiar. Her work has been as honourably industrious as it has been uniformly successful. Richly end-

she has not the less perseveringly studied to attain the perfection of detail indispensable to art, and the defects observable when she first appeared among us have, with laborious and resolute assiduity, been conquered one by one. Her voice has become richer and more flexible through constant use; her enunciation is clear and distinct, and her diction is so fluent and correct as it is brilliant and impressive. As an actress, both in the comic and

serious range of characters, she has reached that of perfection which makes acting seem no acting but rather truth idealised. Nothing can be natural, graceful, and spontaneous than her own nothing more deeply felt and touching than tragedy. In short, she now presents to us the beau ideal of a lyric artist.

Mdlle. Patti was born at Madrid, April 9, and is therefore in her twenty-sixth year.

parents, both Italian, and both exorbitating the profession as herself, left Europe when she scarcely a year old, and her first successes obtained in America, North and South, where she already famous before she came to England. been justly said that while Europe has sent famous dramatic singers to America, in sending Adelina Patti the New World has simply paid debt to the Old. Should we lose her now we

THE IND-EO-PEAN TELEGRAPH.—The progress of the line may be understood from the report of the progress of the undertaking made by the engineering company by which the project has been developed. "The whole of the materials of the line in India comprising 11,000 iron posts, 33,400 insulators and 960 miles of wire of large section, have already been

shipped at St. Petersburg, and are in course of transportation on the Neva and the Volga to Astoria, where they will be transhipped again into steamers of the Caspian designed for the three northern ports of Persia—Lancora, Astora, and Reah;—they are expected to arrive in the month of September next. Each cargo of stores is accompanied by a worthy person to prevent loss and delay; and of working engineers has already left for Persia.

Iliss, to receive them at the ports and convey them by relays of mules, to their final destination. The Persian Government have given their good offices to facilitate the work. The line of Persia will pass a high plateau of comparatively level ground, and is cold in winter, fertile, and inhabited by a small population. It is expected that this portion of the work will be finished in May, 1869. Her Majesty's Government for India have taken advantage of the

organized transports by instructing the contractors to furnish them with iron posts and insulators of the same description for reconstructing the power lines in Persia (between Teheran and Bushire) in a thoroughly substantial manner, agreeing at the same time to add another line wire, subject to the approval of the Persian Government, for the special accommodation of the Indo-European Telegraph Company. The materials for the remaining portion of the line will be supplied by the contractor.

lines are also in course of manufacture, and the cargoes of iron posts, insulators, and wires will be dispatched to Port and Kerch in the course of August and September. The lines along the southern coast of the Caucasian range and thence to Tiflis, Imeretia, and Djibla will be constructed during the next months by a staff of engineers who are now engaged upon soundings in the Black Sea, and who will be recruited by others. The climate in these parts

warm and genial, but the country is intersected by mountain ranges of moderate height. The high peaks of the Caucasian mountains and the unexplored portions of these districts will be avoided by the marine cable in the Black Sea, which will be 100 nautical miles in length, and will contain well-insulated conductors. This cable will be made before the early spring of next year, to be completed during the summer of 1869. The

for constructing the lines from the Caucasian mountains through the Crimea to Odessa will be facilitated and shipped during the winter, and consist of the best description of iron poles with extra powerful insulators placed at frequent intervals in order to resist heavy deposits of hoar-frost. It occasionally settle upon the telegraph wires in these regions. The lines extended from Balta north to the Prusso-Russian frontier will thus be improved.

plains rich in timber, and will therefore be composed of wooden posts (oak and pine) of extreme dimensions, which are sufficiently durable in northern climates. The timber for these lanes will be felled and transported upon sledges to its final destination during the winter months, to be in readiness for the erection of the line during the summer. Having thus prepared for the active execution of different sections of their important work the

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